

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 3-4 and 7-9 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 are amended; and Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are canceled by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the declaration was objected to; the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5); the abstract was objected to; Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,552, 686 to Ollikainen et al.; Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Ollikainen '686 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,008,764 to Ollikainen et al.; Claim 9 was allowed; and Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicants note, with appreciation, the indication of allowable subject matter. In view thereof, Claims 3 and 7 are rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims are either allowed or depend from Claim 3 or 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a), summarized above, be withdrawn.

Regarding the objection to the declaration, a new declaration is submitted herewith in view of the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the declaration be withdrawn.

Regarding the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), Figure 1 is amended to add reference character 400. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

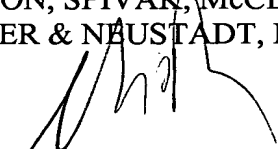
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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

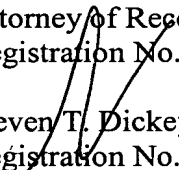
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